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Sir:

## **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time to reply to a communication of November 14, 2001. A fee of \$400.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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